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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Applicant : Jorgensen et al.

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ANALYSIS OF HUMAN BRONCHIAL EPITHELIAL CELLS EXPOSED TO CIGARETTE SMOKE, SMOKE CONDENSATES, OR COMPONENTS

THEREOF

Examiner : Steven C. Pohnert

Art Unit : 1634 Conf # : 9085

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 12, 2009, in the above-identified application, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims directed to the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, methods of making a tobacco product, encompassing Claims 1-20 and the species of measuring the level of expression of NM_003900 Sequestosome 1 in cells after contact with smoke obtained from a first tobacco product and a second tobacco product. After entry of the present amendment, claims 1-4, and 6-11 read-on the elected species.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.